(DDG) Projects at remote un-electrified villages in the vicinity of its existing power stations with an objective of demonstrating a sustainable business model for such projects through participation of the local community and use of locally available renewable energy sources.

NTPC is encouraging & motivating the local community and also carrying out their training and capacity building to enable them to independently manage the plant and look after its operation, maintenance, revenue collection etc. for running it in a techno-commercially viable manner.

Two such DG Projects one at village Jemara, Distt. Korba in Chhattisgarh with biomas (woody) for 100 households and another at village Jaraha-Chetwa, Distt. Sonbhadra in Uttar Pradesh for 200 households with Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) have been Successfully commissioned/electrified during 2004-05. Another 14 DG Projects are in the various stages of DPR preparation. All these projects are being funded through grants from Government of India.

(c) In the State of Orissa, NTPC is in the process of identifying un-electrified villages in Distt. Angul in the vicinity of its thermal power station at Talcher. It is proposed to initially shortlist about 4 to 5 villages for detailed feasibility and preparation of DPR.

**Projects under APDRP in Rajasthan**

89. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects under APDRP sanctioned for Rajasthan and the amount of Government component for these schemes for the last three years, and up to date for 2005-06;

(b) the amounts released so far project-wise, year-wise;

(c) whether a request from Government of Rajasthan, for granting special status of Rajasthan, like N.E. States, in view of its geographical handicaps, is pending consideration with the Ministry; and

(d) if so, by when a decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of India has sanctioned twenty nine projects amounting to Rs. 1193.25 crores for upgradation and strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution in Rajasthan under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) during the last three years and till date, out of which the APDRP component to be provided by Government of India to the extent of 50% of the sanctioned cost is Rs. 596.23 crores. A Statement showing the details of the projects sanctioned and the funds released to Rajasthan so far is annexed (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. National Development Council (NDC) accords special status to the States.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

***Statement***

*Details of the projects sanctioned and the funds released to Rajasthan*

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | Name of ST&D Projects | Project Outlay | APDRP Component | Funds released | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1. | Jodhpur City | 52.95 | 26.47 | | | |
| 2. | Jodhpur Circle | 204.78 | 102.39 | | | |
| 3. | Bhilwara Circle | 68.00 | 34.00 | | | |
| 4. | Jhalawara Circle | 45.55 | 22.77 | | | |
| 5. | Jaipur | 277.00 | 138.50 | 125.64 | 219.70 | 40.49 |
| 6. | Kota Circle | 79.44 | 39.77 | | | |
| 7. | Bharatpur | 15.93 | 7.96 | | | |
| 8. | Ajmer | 15.58 | 7.79 | | | |
| 9. | Bewar | 8.09 | 4.04 | | | |
| 10. | Kishangarh | 8.44 | 4.22 | | | |
| 11. | Kota City | 22.36 | 11.18 | | | |
| 12. | Palli | 8.26 | 4.13 | | | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | Barmer Urban | 13.31 | 6.66 | | | |
| 14. | Sri Ganga Nagar | 18.56 | 9.28 | | | |
| 15. | Bikaner City Urban | 35.79 | 17.88 | | | |
| 16. | Bikaner Rural | 25.65 | 12.82 | | | |
| 17. | Alwar Circle | 147.98 | 73.99 | | | |
| 18. | Jhunjhunu Circle | 67.72 | 33.86 | | | |
| 19. | Udaipur | 93.08 | 19.54 | | | |
| 20. | Nagaur | 3.98 | 1.99 | | | |
| 21. | Meta | 2.74 | 1.37 | | | |
| 22. | Chhittorgarh | 5.98 | 2.99 | | | |
| 23. | Nimahera | 3.84 | 1.92 | | | |
| 24. | Sikar | 6.47 | 3.23 | | | |
| 25. | Nathdwara | 3.08 | 1.54 | | | |
| 26. | Kankroli | 2.23 | 1.12 | | | |
| 27. | Dungarpur | 2.93 | 1.46 | | | |
| 28. | Banswara | 5.02 | 2.51 | | | |
| 29. | Fatehpur | 2.51 | 1.25 | | | |
| | TOTAL : | 1193.25 | 596.63 | 125.64 | 219.70 | 40.49 |

**Dividend by NTPC for shareholders**

90. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of good performance results and profits declared by National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC), the company has declared a meagre 24 per cent dividend to its shareholders;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would review the dividend payments to